

Your own cryptic clues on the Transport theme

[I've tidied one or two up. See below for the answers]

No special order. Some were short and simple, and worked well:

- 1) How West Ham supporters get to a match? (6, 3). (Needs a bit of football knowledge)
- 2) Trainer for the theatre (10)
- 3) This climber sounds hoarse (7,5*)
- 4) Do you travel flat out in this? (9)
- 5) [Aids] What they eat off in 'Ades, we 'ear. (1-6)
- 6) How to teach your donkey to do tricks (4,5)
- 7) They say you are certain to hurt your back travelling in this (8)
- 8) In New Zealand, Auckland and Wellington provide this (6)
- 9) Craft for quarrelling in, so it appears (6,4)
- 10) [Make & model] Artlessly bestow, to highlander (7,3*)
- 11) Its record really is quackers (7*)
- 12) From north of the border in a hurry? (6,8*)
- 13) Extra player returns with chocolate bar (6-6,3)
- 14) Touch down with 9 carats (6)
- 15) Pines to be fashionable (8)
- 16) Was successful about a horse (6)
- 17) Name query upsets old Cunardian (5,4*)
- 18) A real flyer and won't let you down (7,5*)
- 19) Dependent bird (7,5*)
- 20) Money for the tea fund provided by Tamil folk? (4,5)
- 21) [Ship] Airborne Dennis Bergkamp maybe? (6,8*)
- 22) {Model}. Military dictator almost displays his weapon (6*)
- 23) [Make & model] Cross a city bridge to find an ancient heraldic creature (8,6*)
- 24) [On water]. Sounds like servant is bound by key (10)
- 25) [Make & model]. It's a classic seeing a raptor after this flower (6,4*)
- 26) Certainly doesn't sound like a peaceful female (3-2-3)
- 27) Sounds like the fish is fed up (10)
- 28) [Make & model]. Help your partner across the river (4,6*)
- 29) Was Theodore Roosevelt initially a thespian? (7)
- 30) [Make & model]. Always up for a festive tweet (7,5*)
- 31) Celestial performer provides unchangeable memory about cross-Channel summer (6*)
- 32) Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's Braveheart (6,8*)
- 33) Let boys rule, moving without effort to get there (10)
- 34) Abbreviated stone-age tutor (10)
- 35) Fear of nothing (11*)
- 36) Feline optics keep you in lane – show! (8)
- 37) Salad plant in the sky (6)
- 38) Headless wren with tail in confusion sounds like a different flyer but has three wheels firmly in the ground (7,5*)

Answers

- 1) Bubble car

- 2) Stagecoach
- 3) Hillman Husky
- 4) Ambulance
- 5) L-plates
- 6) Mule train
- 7) Rickshaw
- 8) Landau (a hidden clue)
- 9) Rowing boat
- 10) Hillman Imp. (impart minus -art)
- 11) Mallard
- 12) Flying Scotsman
- 13) Double-decker bus
- 14) Landau
- 15) Longship
- 16) Waggon
- 17) Queen Mary
- 18) Reliant Robin
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- 20) Milk float
- 21) Flying Dutchman
- 22) Shogun
- 23) Vauxhall Wyvern
- 24) Windsurfer (apparently that's the board as well as the person)
- 25) Humber Hawk (flower = river that flows...)
- 26) Man-of-war
- 27) Skateboard
- 28) Ford Escort
- 29) Tractor
- 30) Reliant Robin
- 31) Meteor
- 32) Flying Scotsman
- 33) Trolleybus. (anag of let boys rule minus -e-)
- 34) Stagecoach
- 35) Dreadnought
- 36) Cat's eyes
- 37) Rocket
- 38) Reliant Robin

Quite complicated clues requiring some background knowledge – or Googling

- a) First rate jolly on Kentish ale for this aircraft. (11,8*)
- b) Would this President have had a slippery slope? (4,7*)
- c) Will this sour crusty bun mix move much earth? (6,7*)
- d) One was had in Boston by fake Red Indians -or were they Romans? (7)
- e) *Brian Tomblin's fiendish contribution*: Confused earl wrote of this conveyance for odd bedfellows (3-5,4)

Answers

- a) Supermarine Spitfire. (apparently 'jolly' is slang for Royal Marine)

- b) Ford Cortina (the Italian ski resort)
- c) Ruston Bucyrus. We have Jim Phelan of East Dulwich to thank for this. (This is the trade name of an American firm that makes earth-moving equipment.)
- d) Chariot (cha + riot, reference to the 'Boston Tea Party')
- e) *I'VE NO IDEA. If you can crack this one, please let me know.*

Clues I didn't think *quite* worked:

- 1) Applaud the order for meat, but not in a railway meet! (7,8*) (a place name)
- 2) [Model] Little crow has dined (8*)
- 3) Does the adult lean towards this one? (9)
- 4) Alien initially back from another world (4,9*)
- 5) The books ring a mix up for this transport (8,5)
- 6) Going on to purchase ring (7)
- 7) Cut an accompanying sandwich (5)
- 8) Cockrell had the TV archer of confused (10)
- 9) Vince and Alan have gone to the mountains (5,4)
- 10) Sir Alex goes in circles and sheds a heavy load taking tea by the river (7, 4,4*,7)
- 11) Presumably transports any gender? (7*)
- 12) Spymaster aboard Russian vehicle (7)
- 13) Messed up bloke working on a building site in America – he's got a flash car (11*)
- 14) Sounds like pleasures we share include disorderly cavorting (5,5)
- 15) Mickey's girl makes business model mistake (4,6*)

Answers

- 1) Clapham Junction
- 2) Corvette (corvid minus -id, plus ate/ette. But the homophone needs hinting at.)
- 3) Landalet. (No hint that there's an anagram in there)
- 4) Neil Armstrong (I get 'alien = Neil A. backwards, but the rest isn't really clued)
- 5) Shooting brake (Nice anagram, but the sentence as a whole doesn't hang together)
- 6) Bicycle (Traditionally, one would *hint* at a bi/buy homophone)
- 7) Butty. (That's an unpowered barge – but the rest isn't quite clear)
- 8) Hovercraft (A fair anagram, but the whole sentence doesn't quite make perfect sense)
- 9) Cable car (Again, the Carr/car homophone, or the dropped -r-, needs to be discreetly mentioned, somehow)
- 10) Moulton Earl Grey bicycle (Can't quite parse all the bits. Wasn't Alex Moulton a Dr rather than a Sir? Or is this the River Moulton in Suffolk?)
- 11) Pullman
- 12) Minivan. OK, Ivan = Russian, but what's MIN?
- 13) Lamborghini. (anag of HIM and LABORING. American version of labouring is clever, but 'him' is a bit too obscure)
- 14) Sedan chair. Anag of 'dance' inside 'shair' (sounds like 'share'), but 'pleasures' is not really explained.
- 15) Mini Cooper (but missing -r of ERR not covered)